

## **Board of Health Minutes**

### **March 11, 2021**

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Jonathan Neils, Dr. Todd Nelson, and Dave Nickels Also attending: Stephanie Lambert, Heather Feest, Jim Brey, and Bob Ziegelbauer. Excused: Shannon Wanek, Kayla Drumm, Dr. Brian Konowalchuk

#### **Regular Business:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rita Metzger at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the Feb 11 2021 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Shirley Fessler and seconded by John Neils to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment:**

Jim Brey congratulated the Health Department for a wonderful job operating the vaccine clinics and the successful visit by Governor Evers and Secretary Timberlake.

#### **Health Officer Report**

- ✓ COVID-19 Update
  - Stephanie Lambert reported that COVID19 cases remain well below the November peak. The 7 day average at the time of this meeting was 4 cases.
  - Stephanie also stated that the county continues to administer COVID-19 vaccines. The Health Department has successfully administered 6900 vaccines – 4200 first doses and 2700 second doses. More than 2/3 of adults 65+ have received their first dose, and 1 in 5 individuals overall have received a dose of vaccine in Manitowoc County. Clinics continue to be well-received by the community
  - Lambert stated that the Health Department will continue to offer mass vaccination clinics until the public sector is able to absorb demand. She then hopes to pivot to serve vulnerable and difficult to reach populations such as homeless shelters, migratory workers, and those incarcerated. She thanked the Board members and County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer for the continued support of the Health Department and its mission.
- ✓ Annual Report
  - Lambert reviewed the 2020 Annual Report. She noted that some disease incidence data might be skewed due to a reduction in testing and seeking treatment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 Annual Report was made available to all board members.

**Nurse Manager Report:**

- ✓ Communicable Disease Report
  - COVID-19 cases continue to be the most pressing communicable disease for the county. Case counts in February were less than in January with 165 cases confirmed, down from 452 the month prior.
  - Chlamydia cases remain the second most pressing disease burden in the County, with 10 cases confirmed in February 2021.
- ✓ Heather Feest reported on staffing changes, with some LTEs finishing their term at the end of the month and some transitioning into vaccine clinic staff.
- ✓ Heather also reports that the Department has successfully reduced team hours and weekend hours are no longer required.

**Environmental Health Manager Report:**

- ✓ No updates provided at this time

**WIC Director Report:**

- ✓ WIC final caseload in February was 887 participants, 545 families. The contracted caseload is 1,067 participants.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:**

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be April 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Jon Neils and seconded by David Nickels. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:21.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Lambert, Acting Secretary